

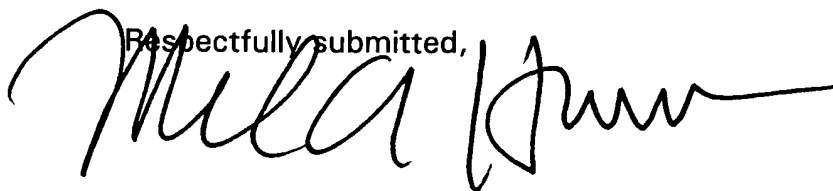
**REMARKS:**

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that Applicant has not correctly claimed priority to the provisional application. Enclosed find a calendar page for April of 2001 and a copy of MPEP § 1.7. Note that the due date of 7 April 2001 fell on a Saturday. In accordance with MPEP § 1.7, an application filed on 9 April 2001 if properly filed and has a good and valid claim to the priority of the provisional application.

Claim 1 has been amended and Claims 2-10 have been added to the application. The claim elements added to Claim 1 distinguish over the prior art reference cited by the Examiner. These claims are focused on the inclusion of a sizing cage subsystem which is utilized to determine the position of a sizing cage. These features are not taught or suggested by the prior art cited by the Examiner (which happen to be owned by Applicant). Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

No additional fee is believed to be required; however, in the event additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1060.

Respectfully submitted,

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## § 1.7 Times for taking action; Expiration on Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday.

(a) Whenever periods of time are specified in this part in days, calendar days are intended. When the day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday, or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday. See § 1.304 for time for appeal or for commencing civil action.

(b) If the day that is twelve months after the filing date of a provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111 (b) and § 1.53(c) falls on Saturday, Sunday, or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the period of pendency shall be extended to the next succeeding secular or business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday.

[48 FR 2707, Jan. 20, 1983, effective Feb. 27, 1983; corrected 48 FR 4285, Jan. 31, 1983; revised, 65 FR 14865, Mar. 20, 2000, effective May 29, 2000 (adopted as final, 65 FR 50092, Aug. 16, 2000)]

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